GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2435
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
RE OPENING OF EMBASSY IN AFGHANISTAN
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether country has again opened embassy in Kabul; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(b) A diplomatic mission of the Ministry of External Affairs visited Kabul, Afghanistan on 21 November, 2001. The Mission team comprised of Special Envoy for Afghanistan, senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, interpreters and other essential staff. There was also a medical and nursing component with the team, which has stayed behind along with the Liaison Officer of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. After the closure of the Indian Embassy in Kabul on September 26, 1996, this was the first Indian diplomatic Mission to Afghanistan.